

## Message Text

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ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /026 W  
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R 211146Z OCT 74  
FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1260  
INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI  
USINT ALGIERS  
AMEMBASSY BEIRUT  
USMISSION EC BRUSSELS  
AMEMBASSY CARACAS  
AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
AMEMBASSY LONDON  
AMEMBASSY TEHRAN  
AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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EXDIS

BEIRUT PASS BAGHDAD

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ENGR, PFOR, SA, KU  
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SAUDI PROPOSAL LINKING OIL PRICES TO PEACE  
SETTLEMENT IN MIDDLE EAST

REF: JIDDA 6051

1. WE CONCUR IN AMBASSADOR AKINS' ASSESSMENT THAT KUWAIT WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO SUPPORT ANY SAUDI PROPOSAL AT ARAB SUMMIT LINKING OIL PRICE REDUCTION TO PEACE SETTLEMENT IN MIDDLE EAST. SUCH SUPPORT WOULD BE CONTRARY TO NUMEROUS PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY GOK DISASSOCIATING OIL PRICE ISSUE WITH ARAB/ISRAELI CONFLICT. AS RECENTLY AS OCTOBER 16, IN A WIDELY REPORTED INTERVIEW WITH JAMES HOAGLAND OF WASHINGTON POST, MIN FIN & PET ATEEQI SAID IT QUOTE WOULD BE FOOLISH UNQUOTE TO LINK PEACE SETTLEMENT WITH OIL PRICES.

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2. KUWAIT HAS CONSISTENTLY ARGUED ITS OIL POLICIES ARE BASED ON

ECONOMICS NOT POLITICS. WHILE AMIR CONCEIVABLY COULD COMMIT KUWAIT TO REDUCTION ARAB OIL PRICES IF PROPOSAL RECEIVED WIDE-SPREAD SUPPORT AT RABAT SUMMIT, WE BELIEVE OTHER ARAB PRODUCERS UNLIKELY TO AGREE ON THIS COURSE OF ACTION FOR REASONS OUTLINED REFTEL.

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